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FOR NEA/INS ONLY - PETER LANDE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, NP  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO KING BIRENDRA

1. TO FOLLOW UP ON OUR DISCUSSION IN KATHMANDU AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMS IN LAST PARA OF KATHMANDU 5528 WE SUGGEST PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO KING INCLUDE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE AND POINTS:

2. QUOTE. I REGRET THAT MY RECENT TRIP TO SIX COUNTRIES IN EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA, WHICH AS YOU KNOW INCLUDED A SHORT VISIT TO INDIA, DID NOT ALLOW ME TO VISIT OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE AREA. HOWEVER, I AM WELL AWARE OF YOUR MAJESTY'S CONCERNS AND ASPIRATIONS FOR REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I HAD THEM IN MIND DURING MY DISCUSSIONS IN NEW DELHI. THE VISIT THERE SHOULD BE SEEN NOT ONLY AS AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH INDIA, BUT ALSO AS A REAFFIRMATION OF OUR INTEREST IN THE WHOLE AREA WHICH IS SO DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS.

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3. IN THIS CONNECTION I WOULD LIKE TO REASSURE YOU OF MY ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE ESPECIALLY TO THE MOST NEEDY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING NEPAL, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR COLLABORATION AND EXPANDING EFFORTS IN THIS AREA THROUGH OUR A.I.D. AND PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS.

4. IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH INDIA, WHICH I BELIEVE ARE UNDER WAY, ARE IN NO WAY DETRIMENTAL TO OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOUTH ASIA. WE HIGHLY VALUE OUR EXCELLENT AND WARM RELATIONS WITH NEPAL WHICH I HOPE WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED. IN VISITING ONE OF THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH ASIA I HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THE EFFORTS OF ALL OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE AREA TO SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS AND THEREBY INCREASED STABILITY TO HELP PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION. WE HAVE NOTED NEPAL'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS AND WE APPRECIATE THIS CONTRIBUTION WHICH YOUR MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IS MAKING TO REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY.

5. ON THE SUBJECT OF REGIONAL COOPERATION, I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE ATTENTION BEING ACCORDED THE QUESTION OF MOBILIZING WATER RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE REGION. I WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE INITIATIVES WHICH YOUR MAJESTY TOOK ON THIS SUBJECT IN YOUR INAUGURAL ADDRESS AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE COLOMBO PLAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN KATHMANDU LAST MONTH. I WAS PLEASED TO SEE THE PRIORITY WHICH YOUR MAJESTY GAVE TO COOPERATION IN WATER RESOURCES FOR ALL THE

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COUNTRIES OF MWHE REGION AND YOUR PLEDGE TO COMMIT NEPAL TO COOPERATION IN JOINT VENTURES WHICH WOULD EMPHASIZE, AS YOU STATED, INDEPENDENCE THROUGH INTERDEPENDENCE.

6. AS AREA OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS GIVING HIGH PRIORITY IS THE STRENGTHENING OF EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL. WE HAVE WELCOMED THE ASSURANCES WHICH LEADERS OF YOUR MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAVE GIVEN THAT NEPAL WILL TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST THE PRODUCTION OF AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN ALL NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES.

7. (ADD APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH ON TOPICS THE PRESIDENT DISCUSSED WITH INDIAN LEADERS WHICH HE IS PREPARED TO SHARE WITH THE KING, CONTINUE TO EFFECT PRESIDENT HAS ASKED AMERICAN AMBASSADORS IN OTHER SOUTH ASIA NATIONS TO BRIEF THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS ON HIS VISIT AND TO THAT END AMBASSADOR HECK IS READY TO MEET WITH KING AT ANY TIME TO PURSUE THIS MATTER IF KING SO WISHES.)

8. I WISH TO REITERATE TO YOUR MAJESTY MY ASSURANCES  
OF THE CONTINUING COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
TO WORLD PEACE AND COOPERATION AND OUR CONTINUING  
INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE  
PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.387,17953.

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